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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AFRICAN AIRLIFT

REF: STATE 143838

1. PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL DCM CALLED ON ELYSEE
AFRICAN ADVISOR JOURNIAC TO CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING
THAT PRIORITY INUS AIRLIFT TO BE GIVEN TO FRENCH
EQUIPMENT. DCM INFORMED JOURNIAC THAT ONLY ABOUT
EIGHT FLIGHTS REMAINED OF THE AUTHORIZED NUMBER WHICH
WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO SHIP BOTH FRENCH EQUIPMENT
FROM COLMAR AND OTHER AFRICAN FORCES.

2. JOURNIAC CONFIRMED THAT FRENCH GAVE PRIORITY TO
AIRLIFTING HEAVY EQUIPMENT BUT SAID GOF WAS ALSO UNDER
THE IMPRESSION THAT US WAS TO LIFT AFRICAN TROOPS,

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WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CAE UNIT, WHICH FRENCH WOULD DO.

3. JOURNIAC SAID THIS NEWS POSES SOME PROBLEMS AS IT
URGENT GET OTHER AFRICAN FORCES ON THE GROUND AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE AS MOROCCANS ARE UNEASY ABOUT BEING ALONE
IN SHABA FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

4. JOURNIAC INDICATED GOF WOULD PROBABLY MAKE HIGH
LEVEL REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FLIGHTS TO GET AT LEAST
PORTION OF AFRICAN FORCES MOVED TO ZAIRE.
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